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ROSA L. DELAURO

3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Derby Property Acquisition for Main Street South TOD Redevelopment and Road Construction in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Derby, located at 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418.

The \$2.798 million the City of Derby is requesting in funding would be used for property acquisition and a road construction project will cover a portion of a scrapyards purchase one block from the Derby-Shelton train station and the connection of Factory Street through Caroline Street to the intersection of Main and Elizabeth Streets to support revitalization and transit-oriented development. A hotel and a mixed-use commercial/professional building will be built, which will also contain the Senior Center and 2 and 3-bedroom high rise residences. The road ("U Street") will have ADA sidewalks and ramps, storm drainage, granite curbing, ornamental street lighting, and landscaping. The project is aligned to Derby's POCD and other placemaking efforts (brownfield redevelopments, Main Street widening, parking garage rehabilitation). Since the original RAISE and Urban Act grants were awarded in late Calendar Year 2021, Derby has worked diligently with partners on design plans and a purchase agreement.

The "Property Acquisition for Main Street South TOD Redevelopment in Derby" project is consistent with the primary objective of the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) of the Community Project Funding program. EDI is to be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities, and public services. No activities or expenditures have occurred yet. This Main Street South TOD redevelopment property acquisition project is supported broadly by Derby stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials and will be administered by governmental officials in Derby. The project is intended to benefit existing Derby taxpayers by increasing the tax base and providing retail, housing and other community services not yet realized. The project is also intended to benefit the entire valley by bringing economic development and visitors to an area that has been extremely distressed (ranked 6th in the State). This project will positively impact the community by

increasing the value of homes and jumpstarting the economy, making Derby a complete community where individuals want to live, work, and recreate.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress